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BOY SCOUT NEWS

Oxford County Scout Rally, a Success
—14 Troops Send Delegation—Canton Wins the Cup

Dame Fortune smiled sweetly on the Scouts of Oxford County by handing them a good Friday and a payable Saturday for the Rally at Dixfield. Fourteen troops sent delegations to the Rally—totaling 150 Scouts.

The Council fire of Friday evening started things off with a bang. Never before has Dixfield Park withheld quite so heavy a bombardment of real spirit. Bath salts, ginger and pep were altogether. Short speeches on Americanism, Pep and story telling were given by Exco, Perham, Comin's W. L. Clark and Scoutmaster C. B. Oliver of Bethel. Dixfield's business men O. K.'d proceedings by sending up several bunches of bananas for a treat. Troop yell and songs with a marshmallow toast finale put on the finishing touch.

The morning run followed by inspection and a parade through the streets of Dixfield gave Saturday a fine send-off. The entries for the athletic contests of the forenoon were numerous. Real class was shown in all events. Dixfield took first place. The tug-of-war men were in great trim with West Paris the leading ten man team and Rumford Point-Hanover the leading five man team.

The Scouting contest was the big show for Saturday afternoon. Occasional "squalls" of rain slowed up proceedings somewhat but did not prevent the successful completion of the majority of the events. Tug-of-war finds, message relay race, handgasing races, Scout's pace demonstration, and pyramid building won the hearty applause of the visitors. Troop 1, Canton, carried away the first place and the silver loving cup with it. Dixfield, West Paris, Locke's Mills, Rumford Point-Hanover, and South Paris came in order for the next four places.

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THE J. E. JONES LETTER

THE KANSAS WAGE DECISION

The recent decision of the United States Supreme Court is to the effect that the Kansas court of industrial relations cannot fix wages in an industry. This case was taken to the Supreme Court by packing house workers whose wages the Kansas court had ordered lowered.

In the minimum-wage case decided by the Supreme Court a few weeks ago an act of Congress fixing a minimum rate of pay for women employed in industry in the District of Columbia was held unconstitutional. Immediately following the decision a large number of employers lowered the pay of women employed by them.

The two decisions seem to establish definitely that it is the business of employers and employees to do whatever is necessary to fix wages. The attempt of the State of Kansas to lower wage rates, and the law of Congress which in reality raised wages in the Federal city are both unconstitutional because they interfere with the right of contract between individuals. It is said that there are enough shreds left of the Kansas law to hold the industrial court together. The District of Columbia decision nullified the entire act and all of its administrative features.

RAIL BOARD FIXES WAGES

A wage fixing board is now operating under an act of Congress, and its rights have been upheld by the Supreme Court. It differs from the Kansas Industrial court inasmuch as it assumes jurisdiction only upon the mutual request of both employers and employees, who bind themselves in advance to its decisions. Thus, it is in effect practically a board of arbitration. The weakness of the Board is found in its inability to enforce its decisions. This has been illustrated several times when its "litigants" have been a good deal like some people who dispute adverse decisions of the dictionary, and settle matters for themselves by declaring, "it's wrong."

The Supreme Court has held that coercive measures by the Rail Board are proper since having a decision to sustain it can only accomplish that purpose through the power of public opinion. With such an invisible sheriff it seems necessary to shout the message from justice at the housetops. The Supreme Court has also made plain the rights of organized labor to deal with employers in effecting collective bargaining, and it is at least good law men's law that inasmuch as unionized workmen voluntarily elect to bargain collectively that their sacred right to contract is not taken from them when they make their arrangements in large groups through their chosen representatives. But up to date there has been no effective legislation that fixes the legal right of any tribunal to "enforce" wage-fixing decrees. The indirect power of the Rail Board has a certain effect in that direction, but there is a lack of "teeth." The Kansas law was the first legislative enactment to be given teeth; but the Supreme Court has exctracted them.

RAIL MERGERS

The Administration is known to favor the merger of as many railroads as can consistently be brought together. During the war the Railroad Administration operated the roads as a single unit, and there was enough good proved in the plan to convince leading statesmen that mergers would be a good thing. The Interstate Commerce Commission has power under its administrative features to approve rail mergers, and the Commission shows a desire to be accommodating to any of the railroad companies who have proper methods for consolidating. The Southern Pacific Railroad is acquiring the Central Pacific by lease and stock ownership, and the circuit court of appeals at St. Paul has just approved. The decision is accepted as good law that will undoubtedly be sustained by the United States Supreme Court if it ever gets there.

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METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Chester B. Oliver, Pastor
Sunday, June 24:
Morning worship at 10:45. Subject, "Christ's Rainbow."

Church School at 12 o'clock.
Boy's Scout League at 6:45. Stephen Abbott is leader.

Evening worship at 7:30. Special music. Subject, "Characteristics of Childhood."

Monday, June 25:
Chum Group meets at the reading room at 2:30 p.m. (Refreshments.)

Subject, "The Supreme Motive."

Monday evening—Reading room, 7:30. Special program of games.

Tuesday, June 26—Mid-week worship at 7:15. Church School board meeting at 8 o'clock. Refreshments.

The Ladies' Aid meets Thursday afternoon in the church.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. S. T. Achenbach, Pastor

Thursday, June 21, 3 P. M., meeting of the Ladies' Club with Mrs. Valentine.

The Sunday services will be omitted on June 24 and July 1, and will be resumed on July 8.

LOCKE'S MILLS CHURCH

Rev. Chester B. Oliver, Pastor

Morning worship, Sunday, June 24, at 9 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor.

Church School at 10 o'clock.

WEST BETHEL UNION CHURCH

Ernest Weals, Pastor

10:30 a.m.—Orange memorial service.

Sermon, "A Cloud of Witnesses."

11:30 a.m.—Church School.

7:30 p.m.—Evening worship. Sermon, "The High Cost of Playing Prodigies."

Special music morning and evening.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 12.

Evening meeting at 7.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Christian Science services are held

every Sunday in Orange Hall, Spring Street, at 10:30 A. M. All are welcome.

ENTERTAINMENT AT CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Harry Box, English Tenor and Bird Whistler to entertain on Wednesday Evening, June 27, at 8 O'clock.

FORD COMPANY TWENTY YEARS OLD

The Ford Motor Company was twenty years old Saturday, June 16. And this birthday anniversary finds it enjoying the greatest prosperity in its history and engaged in carrying out an expansive program of enormous magnitude, necessary to bring manufacture up to meet the ever increasing demand for Ford products.

In the years of years which have passed since its incorporation on July 15, 1903, the growth of the company has been amazingly rapid and now its activities extend to nearly every country on the globe and the Ford car is known in practically every land on earth.

The capital originally authorized is the company was \$1,000,000, of which only \$250,000 in stock was actually paid into the treasury. Among the twelve stockholders with the company is its founder Henry Ford held 23 per cent of the stock.

Ford "spit" his car to the public at the very start by practical demonstration for he placed the first Ford motor himself and was race after race in all parts of the country. Driving old "999" as on its track at Baltimore Bay, Michigan, he was the first to break the mile a minute record.

In 1907 Mr. Ford acquired additional stock sufficient to bring his holdings up to 38% per cent.

Development of the company since 1908 when the Model "T" Ford car was first placed on the market has been marked by unusual success until now it occupies the foremost position in the industry.

In 1915, Mr. Ford set a new standard for the industrial world, when he announced his new famous \$5 a day minimum wage and the \$1,000,000 profit sharing plan, a move that gained him international fame.

Many will remember, too, a year or so later when a sensational vote made that if sales went to a certain figure every Ford purchaser would receive a rebate. The sales passed the figure and checks went out by the hundreds of thousands.

When in 1919 Edsel B. Ford assumed the presidency, his father turned over to him all the responsibility of that office and he has taken an important part in all developments of the company since that time. Upon becoming president, Edsel Ford purchased the remaining 41% per cent held by outside stockholders and on July 8, 1919, the Company was reorganized under the laws of Delaware for an authorized capitalization of \$100,000,000.

In his ambitious to do the greatest amount of good for the largest number of people, Henry Ford always has kept the Ford car within the reach of the person of average means.

Last October the price of Ford cars was again reduced bringing the various types to the lowest level in the history of the company. And only recently the organization of the Ford Weekly Purchasing Plan has opened the way to automobile ownership for additional millions of people who can now buy Ford on weekly payments as low as \$3.

The first car manufactured by the Ford Motor Company was on the road in June and sold the early part of July, 1903. In the fiscal year, 1922-23, the company produced 1,366 cars and each year has seen a steady expansion until to 1923 products totaled 1,361,383 and this year will pass the 1,360,000 mark, a figure which it is estimated will equal if not exceed the combined output of all other automobile companies in the United States.

Since its start the company has produced more than 7,500,000 Fords and sent them to all parts of the world and thus these Fords are now in use in the United States alone.

Manufacturing methods of the Ford Motor Company have been and remain the model of engineering exports of the world. All are based on the most accurate production definitely planned to their advanced stage and they bring quantity production with high quality work automatically to the process.

Under the present expansion program the company is carrying out a large scale plant now before its policy of adding new manufacturing centers possible. Thus with come out to the addition of all along the line, from great to very small, to distant ports, and, therefore, it is able to give the customer a high-quality product at a very low price.

It has been said above in West Virginia and Kentucky and now and then and forever in northern Michigan. The Ford railroad, the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton, connects with practically no heavy transcontinental line, which affords almost shipping facilities.

At New Haven, with a plant area of 1,200 acres, the company has the largest foundry in the world, operates its own blast furnaces, its blast furnaces, coke plant, new mill, coke plant, cement plant, paper mill, power plant, locomotive repair shop and the like.

The company has a glass plant at Pottstown, Pa., and the largest steel plant in the country at Dearborn, Mich., and a plant in Canada, and a plant in England.

There are also manufacturing plants

at Hamlin, O., Northville, Mich., Troy, N. Y., Iron Mountain, Mich., and several points in and near Detroit.

A \$1,000,000 building under construction at Dearborn, Mich., will provide a new home for the Ford Engineering Laboratory. It also will house the plant of the Dearborn Publishing Company, publishers of the Dearborn Independent, the Ford International Weekly.

The parent plant of the company in Highland Park occupies nearly 300 acres of which 125 are under roof. Here are the general offices, the Detroit sales branch, the boys' industrial school and the world's largest individual automobile plant.

There are 34 branches of the Ford Motor Company in the United States, of which 28 are manufacturing plants. These have all been improved and enlarged within the last year and today are producing cars and trucks at the rate of 6,500 every eight-hour working day.

There are more than 9,000 Ford dealers in the country and over 15,000 authorized Ford service stations, making a total of 24,000 points of contact with the motorizing public.

Foreign branches and associated companies are located in Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, and Montevideo, South America; Havana, Cuba; Copenhagen, Denmark; Antwerp, Belgium; Manchester, England; Barcelona, Spain; Bordeaux, France, and Trieste, Italy. There also is a manufacturing plant at Cork, Ireland.

The Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd., located at Ford, Ontario, just across the river from Detroit, has an annual output of 75,000 Ford cars and trucks, and does business not only in Canada but in the British possessions.

The Fordson Tractor was brought out in 1917, during which year 251 were produced. It was developed after years of work and experiment by Henry Ford and his engineers and presents a most sturdy and dependable power plant, easy and economical in operation. Like other Ford products, it met with almost instant success and at present the Fordson plant at River Rouge is producing tractors at the rate of 200 a day to keep pace with the growing demand.

The Lincoln Motor Company, organized in 1917 to produce motor cars of exceptionally high quality, was acquired by the Ford Motor Company at a receiver's sale February 4, 1922, for \$1,000,000, and only recently Henry Ford paid to the creditors of the company an additional \$10,000,000 to make up their losses, though under no obligation.

The Lincoln Motor Company was reorganized under the laws of Michigan on March 29, 1923, for an authorized capitalization of \$15,000,000. It is now known as a division of the Ford Motor Company and has an annual capacity of 10,000 motor cars.

Not only is the Ford Motor Company the greatest automobile manufacturing in the world today, but it stands also, a respectable industrial marvel, into every activity of which there permeates the personality of genius of its founder and guiding spirit, Henry Ford.

GILKAD

Mrs. Rachel Custer and Mabel York of Norway are spending a few days in town.

John Woods has purchased a Dodge sedan.

Howard Wheeler is confined to his home by illness.

Miss Lulu Little of Bethel is a guest of Miss Verna Prince.

Mrs. Hand Morris and daughter, Alice, have returned home after visiting relatives in Lynn, Mass., and are guests of Mrs. Wm. H. Wilson.

John Lester has purchased a Ford car.

Matthew Willard has bought a new Dodge car.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lester and daughter, Katherine, were recent visitors in Bethel, N. H.

Mrs. John Richardson was in Bethel, N. H., to see her late son.

Arthur Bush and George Campbell of Madison Park spent the week end in town.

Mrs. Anna Shurden and daughter, Margaret, of Bethel, N. H., were in town.

Mrs. Mary White of Portland is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. D. Wright.

Mary Shurden of Gardiner, N. H., is visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. Wm. Dutton.

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MOUNT BETHEL

Mr. and Mrs. Alcott Copeford and Mrs. Hastings of Oxford were in town recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Chase and two children were the guests of Mr. Copeford, Mr. and Mrs. Copeford, a few days last week.

Saint Martin and Amalia Copeford of Oxford were in town last week, long distance.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walker and daughter, Dorothy, returned to South Park, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevens and daughter, Dorothy, and Charles and Alford Morris returned to Canada, recently.

There are also manufacturing plants

WEST PARIS

The following program was given on Children's Day at the Universalist church:

Voluntary, Organ Chorus Miss Forbes

Invocation, Miss Forbes

Christening, Edith Emery

Solo, Edith Emery

Chorus, Lillies Dorothy Bock

Responsive Reading, Dorothy Bock

Response after prayer, Adoration Louise Devine

Memory Verses, Beginner's Class

The Spider's Thread, Louise Devine

Golden Keys, Classes 2 and 3

Chorus, Praise the Lord Dorothy Bock

Others, Dorothy Bock

Song, God Bless Keep, Eight Girls

Little by Little, Robert and Erma Johnson

Going to School to God, Frederick Briggs

Chorus, God Is Love

A Melody of Love, Class 5

Things That Count, Lewis Jacob Mann

Offering, Miss Forbes

Address, Rev. H. P. Aldrich

Salutation, Loyalty, the Foundation of Greatness, Beatrice L. Davis

Essay, The Beauty in Common Things, Lewis B. Peabody

Music, Dorothy A. Wardwell

Invocation, J. Albert Jackson

Essay, The Growth of the Ku Klux Klan, Leona E. Marston

Class Prophet, Dorothy A. Wardwell

Music, Myrtle E. Robinson

Presentation of Gifts, Henry B. Stone

Music, Olga M. McKenna

Presentation of Diplomas, Sept. A. B. Hayes

Benediction

The hall was packed to its limit and all the parts merited much praise. Thursday evening the annual banquet was held at Centennial Hall, and a dance followed in Grange Hall. A picnic at Camp Evergreen, Locke's Mills, on Friday closed the functions of commencement week.

Rev. J. L. Wilson of South Paris presented the memorial sermon at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon, June 16, for the Odd Fellows and Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. H. Y. Bacon, Leona Marston, Leona and Lewis Proctor, and Ronald Benson attended the graduation exercises at Bowdoin, Friday.

Mrs. Clarence Whitney and little daughter, June, of Skowhegan are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brock.

Mrs. Sarah Devine was a guest of Mrs. Mary Briggs at Norway last week.

Miss Anna Chandler of Somers was a guest at her uncle's, P. C. Mayhew's last week.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Markley and Henry Markley of Auburn were here to attend the graduation exercises of West Paris High School.

The graduating exercises of West Paris Grammar School were held Wednesday afternoon.

The children of the primary school and their teacher, Miss Greenleaf, went to Branty Lodge for a picnic Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pease and sons, Robert and Eugene, went to Hallowell last week to attend commencement. Their older son, Edward, was a senior of the graduating class.

Miss Ella Curtis spent last week in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barker have been guests in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Mace went to their cottage at Bryant's Pond, Saturday.

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Three Maine girls are going a long distance to attend a college Commencement. They started from Boston on the steamer *Hammonia* for Oxford, Eng., and will be there for the week of festivities commencing June 22. The girls are Katherine Holway, Mary Holloway and Constance Randall of Augusta.

Caroline smoking and children playing with matches caused a fire loss of \$1,000,000 during 1922, according to figures given out by Commissioner Felt of the Massachusetts department of public safety. The total fire loss for the year was \$14,746,778, as compared with \$13,557,366 in 1921.

The right of an officer to enforce the law does not depend on whether he is wearing a uniform. Deputy Atty.-Gen. William H. Fisher says in answer to a question propounded by Gov. Bissell of Maine relative to the right of the sheriff or his deputies to stop auto vehicles unless wearing uniform.

Practically all industrial plants in New England are operating full time with many running overtime, and industrial conditions in Massachusetts are excellent, according to the report for May of the employment service of the department of labor. The May survey showed fewer men out of employment than at any previous time. In the past 12 months, the report said, in contrast to the encouraging statements as to general conditions, the report showed that 10 New England cities, including Boston and Springfield, reported decreased employment in May as compared with April.

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the number of child health units will increase to 1,000.

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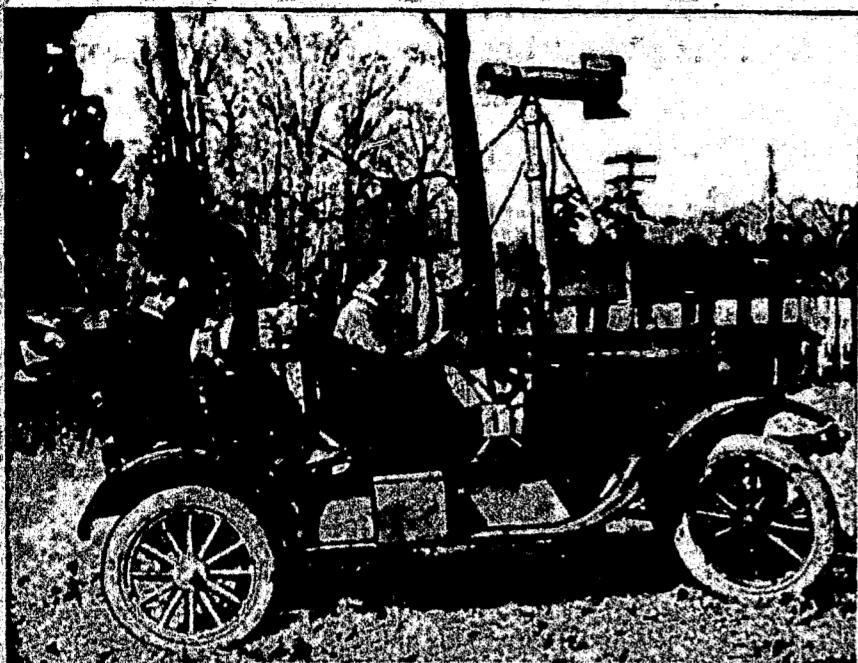
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OPERATING GOVERNMENT TEST CAR



W. S. James and C. S. Bruce of the automobile power plant of the bureau of standards, driving the test car used to determine the power output of the engine, combustion, valve of the fuel, wind resistance, etc. This car is also used in experiments to discover gasoline substitutes and is fitted with a camera which automatically records the fuel consumption.

GRIME ON MOTOR
CAUSE OF DECAY

Greasy Accumulations Injurious to Various Connections and Also to Insulation.

The motorcar's spring cleaning should not stop with the body, top and cushions. An engine and chassis covered with grease and dirt is a costly encouragement to delaying simple adjustments which will save money in repair.

Clean the engine, springs, transmission housing and other parts which accumulate sticky grime with kerosene to which some gasoline may be added. Use a wooden backed scrubbing brush with no metal on it. Metal may touch electric terminals and cause a spark which will start a fire. A much better job will result if the drip pan is removed while the engine is cleaned.

Cleaning Saves the Engine.

In addition to looking better and being easier to repair, a clean engine's hose connections, electric insulation and gaskets will not deteriorate nearly so quickly.

With the springs cleaned, oiling suggests itself. Be sure the grease cups on the springs are full and screwed down so there will be pressure. This is not enough to save a rusted spring, however. Jack up the chassis and apply lubricant with a paint brush or squirrel gun.

If the leaves of springs are rusted together, they usually may be pried apart with a screwdriver while the car is jacked up. Repeat men diagnose as a "frozen" spring a condition in which all leaves are rusted into what appears to be a solid mass. Soak the "frozen" spring in kerosene and try the screwdriver again next day.

Take Bally Spring Apart.

If the spring still balks, the best way is to remove it, take it apart, clean the leaves with kerosene, lubricate them with graphite and grease and reassemble them.

Spring covers of leather and metal, oil retaining cups and high pressure oil lubricating systems are among recent improvements which simplify care of springs. The various covers keep out dirt and keep in lubricants so that springs rarely need attention. High pressure devices range in design from those in which a screw pressure exerts terrific force to a handy affair like a pistol which "shoots" grease when the trigger is pulled.

DEVICE HANDY FOR LUGGAGE

Two Strips of Iron Arranged on Running Board of Car afford Stop-Place.

The illustration shows a novel attachment devised by a motorist for carrying luggage on the running board of his car.

Two pieces of heavy sheet iron, slightly narrower than the running board, are hinged to each other, and one piece hinged to the outer edge of the running board, as shown. Two

RETARDED SPARK IS
INJURIOUS TO AUTOOverheated Condition Harmful to
Pistons, Cylinders and Other
Parts of Engine.

(By William H. Stewart Jr., President
Stewart Automobile School.)

You have all seen the fellow who runs his "steaming" clanking car around town. It looks for all the world like a baby locomotive, but perhaps he does not know that this overheated condition injures the pistons, cylinders, bearings and all internal parts of the engine. Shortly he learns this for himself—after he has paid a big repair bill for information that could have been obtained from any instruction book.

If you run the car with the spark retarded, the engine will overheat and carbonize. A similar effect is caused by a crippled fan or an impeded water flow. If your engine overheats it is advisable to stop instantly and find the trouble. In an emergency a very wise thing to do is to pour an abundance of oil into the crank case. Your exhaust will smoke, but the additional oil will offer protection to the inside of the engine until relief is at hand.

Clean the belt occasionally and rid it of the oil and gumming matter. Hitch up your garden hose and send its spray through the openings in the radiator, which probably is clogged with mud. Do this from the engine side of the radiator; otherwise you may short circuit the electric system. As a further precaution see that all hose connections are good and not partially closed on the inside, thereby retarding the water flow. This closing, though very slight, will retard radiation and cause trouble.

GREASE RUSTY CAR SPRINGS

Jack Up Chassis and Apply Lubricant
While Weight is Off—Kerosene
Cuts Rust.

Positive lubrication of springs may be secured without the purchase of additional accessories—jack up the chassis and apply lubricant while the springs are thus relieved of their weight. In this condition the spring leaves should open slightly in a fan shape. It may be necessary to spread the leaves a trifle with a screwdriver, knife, or any thin strip of metal. A few minutes' work with a squirt gun, filled with half kerosene and motor oil, will cut the rust and leave a film of lubricant between the leaves.

Sometimes a spring is rusted to the extent that it becomes "frozen" in a rigid mass. The only remedy is to take it apart, wash each leaf with kerosene and replace, inserting heavy pieces of wrapping paper thoroughly saturated with a good grade of graphite grease between each leaf.

AUTOMOBILE
GOSSIP

An essay of instruction may save a pound of repair.

A weak clutch spring can be repaired temporarily by placing washers under it.

Nearly 2,500,000 workers are engaged in or directly affected by the automobile industry.

French automobile builders are experimenting with a car driven by the heavy oil remaining in petroleum after the extraction of kerosene.

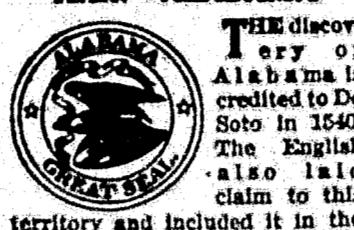
In some instances the rest of the water pump has become so worn, usually the smaller grooves, that the pump cannot be packed to make it tight.

Skidding is probably one of the most common causes of automobile accidents. Yet, if the driver is careful, he should have no trouble from skidding.

Many cars are using excessive quantities of gasoline in the motor because of dragging brakes, caused by the brake mechanism being in such poor condition that the brakes do not fully release.

The Story of
Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE
XXII.—ALABAMA



The discovery of Alabama is credited to De Soto in 1540. The English also laid claim to this territory and included it in the grant to North Carolina. But it was the French who first settled here erecting in 1702 Fort St. Louis on Mobile Bay and founding the town of Mobile nine years later. Mobile was for many years the capital of Louisiana. France in 1763 ceded the territory east of the Mississippi to England and the northern part of the present State of Alabama was joined to the Illinois territory. The southern portion was known as West Florida. Serious conflict with the Indians was kept up for many years. In fact, even as late as 1812, there was an uprising of the Creeks which resulted in terrible atrocities and massacres.

During the Revolution West Florida remained loyal to England, but was seized by Spain only to be turned over to the United States in 1813. This Mobile section was then added to the northern district and the State of Alabama was formed and became the twenty-second state of the Union in 1819.

The meaning of the name Alabama is variously interpreted. It was the name of an Indian tribe which inhabited this territory at the time of De Soto's first visit. After this tribe the river was named and the state was called Alabama after the river. The Indian word was supposed to mean "Here we rest," and these words are used on the state's coat of arms, but this interpretation is doubtful and its real meaning is uncertain. Alabama is sometimes called the Plantation State. Its area is 51,903 square miles.

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Conrad W. Crooker's Liberal Republican League, which tried so hard to defeat Senator Lodge last fall, has gone out of business. Under a law which went into effect at that hour, no organization may use the name of a major political party, without proper authorization from the duly elected state committee of the party, and there is little likelihood that the Republican state committee will extend the name of good fellowship to the Crooker organization. If the Liberal Republican League continues its activities, its officers run the risk of prosecution by the attorney-general.

The total number of federal income tax returns filed by individuals throughout the United States reporting incomes for the calendar year ended Dec. 21, 1921, was 6,662,176. The net income amounted to \$19,577,212,523 and the tax (normal tax and surtax) was \$1,923,357,102.

For the state of New Hampshire the number of returns was 33,410 which reported net income amounting to \$32,252,456 and tax (normal tax and surtax) \$1,752,320.

For the state of New Hampshire the falling off in the number of returns was 357 or 9.82 per cent, the reduction in the total net income amounting to \$18,679,643 or 18 per cent, and the decrease in tax (normal and surtax) was \$1,615,593 or 25.34 per cent.

Thirty-one physicians licensed to practice medicine in Connecticut have been required by the state health department to return the license issued to them, on the ground that they are illegal. They will not be permitted to continue to practice in the state. All of the doctors disqualify were illegally examined by the state elective medical examining board, according to an opinion given by Atty. Gen. Healy.

A decline in the birth rate and a slight increase in the death rate in 1922 is shown in provisionally released figures for the year by the department of commerce. For the 24 states reporting birth figures, the rate for 1922 was 22.7 for each 1,000 of population, against a rate of 23.4 for 1921. For 22 states the death rate last year was 11.9, against 11.6 for 1921. North Carolina reported the highest birth rate, 26.2, while a rate of 18 for the state of Washington was the lowest.

Death rates in the 23 states ranged from 14.7 for Maine to 8.1 for Idaho.

Protesting that the savings recently effected on state printing by the Massachusetts commission on administration and finance were made at the sacrifice of union principles, the Boston Allied Printing Trades Council, at a meeting, voted to send a deputation to the state branch of the American Federation of Labor to introduce that body a resolution calling for the awarding of all Massachusetts state printing to union printers only. The council also instructed its members, Daniel J. McDonald, to propose a bill to this effect to be introduced in the state legislature.

ANDOVER

Miss Mary P. Clay of Portland has rented Mrs. Abbie Poor's house on Main Street.

Oscar Damon has been critically ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Kilgore of Norway were calling on friends Sunday.

Mr. Freeman Bedell, who has spent several days with his sister, Mrs. Y. A. Thurston and family, returned to his home in Allston, Mass., Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Melssner are rejoicing on the birth of a daughter, Saturday, June 2, who has been named Sylvia Kathleen.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church was entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Irving Akers.

John P. Talbot and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Milton returned from Franklin, Mass., Friday, where they attended the commencement exercise of the class of 1923, Dean Academy. Their daughter, Miss Treasa Milton, was the class valedictorian.

Miss Athalée Sweat, who was graduated from Farmington Normal School last week, is at her home for the summer vacation.

Rev. and Mrs. John Suter returned from Boston, Sunday. Roger Thurston drove them from Portland in their new car.

Olive and Florence Akers, who teach school in Rumford, are at their homes for the summer vacation.

Frank Ream and Jasper Diggers are working in Waterford.

The Ladies' Aid will serve a supper in the hall Wednesday, June 27, from 6 to 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Lucien Akers visited her daughter, Mrs. Villa Merrill, and family at Rumford Point, Thursday.

Mrs. Minnie Akers from Portsmouth, N. H., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edward Pratt.

Mrs. Abbie Poor is staying at the Merrill house during the absence of Mrs. Poor.

Rev. C. W. Robinson will deliver the Pythian sermon to Cabot Lodge, K. of P. on Sunday, June 24, at 2:30 p. m. The Pythian Sisters of Ellis Glen Temple are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. A. Thurston, Mr. Arthur Lang, Mrs. C. A. Andrews, Mrs. Dolly Elliott and daughters, Mrs. Arthur Stevens, and Marie Elliott, Annie Akers, Mrs. Minerva Sweat, Ira Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bailey, Miss Sadie Bailey and Rev. C. W. Robinson attended the Conference of Congregational Churches at Rumford Point, Thursday.

Miss Mary Clay of Portland, of the State Board of Foreign Missions, will speak at the Congregational church Sunday evening, June 21.

All the stores in town will close Thursday afternoons until November.

Miss Doris Ripley is at home from Melford, Mass., where she is attending Tufts College.

Miss William Cutting and sons are at the Lake for a short vacation.

The Happy Five Orchestra performed music for a dance at West Bethel last Thursday evening.

"Children's Day" was observed at the Congregational church, Sunday morning with a concert given by the children of the Sunday School. Mrs. Milton Crossman had charge of it and deserves much praise for her efficient work in training the class. Following is the program, each number which was finely rendered:

Song, School
Responsive Reading
Prayer

Song, School
Greeting, Henry Perkins
Song, Alice Milton, Olive Crossman
Recreation, Roberta Thurston

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DO IT NOW

Local People Should Not Wait Until It Is Too Late

The appalling deathrate from kidney disease is due largely to the fact that the little kidney troubles are usually neglected until they become serious. The slight symptoms often give place to chronic disorders and the sufferer may slip gradually into some serious form of kidney complaint.

If you suffer from backache, headache, dizzy spells; if the kidney secretions are irregular or passing and unusual in appearance, do not delay. Help the kidneys at once.

Dean's Kidney Pills are especially for kidney disorders—they act where others fail. Over one hundred thousand people have recommended them. Here's a care at home.

R. J. Hamilton, Chapman St., Bethel, says: "Dean's Kidney Pills are certainly all right and I gladly recommend them. I had severe spell of rheumatism trouble and my kidneys showed signs of disorder. My left leg was drawn up and painful and backache annoyed me constantly. Dean's Kidney Pills were advised so I went to Homerman's Drug Store and got three boxes. When I had finished taking Dean's, I was relieved."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't delay for a kidney remedy—get Dean's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Homerman had. Foster-Milligan Co., Miss. Buffalo, N. Y.

ALBANY

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Beckler visited Mrs. Beckler's sister, Mrs. Inez Beck, at Oxford, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred German entertained his brother and family from Herk, N. H., Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Pinkham and little daughter, Christine, are staying with her sister, Mrs. Malford Bird. She is speedily recovering from her recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Abel Andrews visited Mr. and Mrs. James Bird, also Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wilber of No. Bridgton.

The Circle will be entertained Thursday evening, June 27, by Mrs. Cecilia Kimball, Mrs. Albert Kenison, Mrs. Herman Comings and Mrs. Malford Bird.

SONGO POND

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kimball and son, Albert, attended Mrs. Frank Dean's anniversary at Oxford, Saturday.

Mary and Jessie Kimball were Sunday guests at Fred Gorham's at West's Corner.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brown were callers at L. N. Kimball's, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kimball were in Norway, Tuesday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brown and three children and Mrs. Abner Kimball were in Norway, Sunday.

Mr. Al Morris has taken a peeling job of P. L. Edwards. He and three of his men are boarding at A. B. Kimball's.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cole have returned to their home at Bryant's Pond.

CANTON

Mrs. Lena Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Young, Mrs. Jessie Hall, Mrs. Lillian Hines and Mrs. Abbie Hines attended the W. R. C. State Convention at Augusta.

Dwight A. Blisbee has been appointed postmaster. Miss Eleanor Patterson is assisting him this month.

Clare Ludden of No. Hartford has sold his farm to Edward Leighton of Massachusetts and will work for the new owner for a time.

Mr. G. H. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Newton attended the commencement at Hebron.

Miss Mary N. Richardson has returned from her studio in Boston for the summer months.

Miss Maud Ellis and Miss Agnes Merrill have been on an auto trip to Everett, Mass., where they spent a week.

Miss Ellen Richards of Strong has been visiting her son, Henry Richards, and family.

Walter Barton caught a fine salmon in Lake Anasagunticook which weighed 5 pounds and 4 1/2 ounces.

Miss Nellie B. Michel, a former Canton teacher, is visiting in town.

A social was held by the Sunday school at the vestry of the United Baptist church Wednesday evening. A short entertainment was enjoyed and refreshments served.

The largest fish ever caught in Lake Anasagunticook, Canton, was secured

the first of the week by Howard Henry, who pulled in a seven pound salmon, which was a beauty. The fishing season has opened with some good catches, Walter Barton having caught a salmon weighing five pounds and four and a half ounces on Thursday. Friday Roy Hodge caught one which weighed two pounds and Howard one weighing two and a half pounds. This lake has been stocked with thousands of salmon many times in years past and there is no doubt that the present season will reveal many good catches.

Sixteen of the Canton Boy Scouts attended the Scout rally at Dixfield, Friday and Saturday and report a glorious good time. They are wearing a "smile that won't come off" for their return home with the silver loving cup, which was awarded to the troop making the most points in the Scouting program.

Saturday afternoon, they won a total of thirty points, Dixfield being second with 20 and West Paris third with 15 points. The points won by Canton were as follows: 1st place in the triangular bandage race; 1st in roller bandage race; 1st and 3d in fireman's lift race; 1st in pyramid building; 2d in cross country message relay race; one point for entrance in the Scout race race. Canton also led in the number of Scouts in attendance from the 21 towns, sixteen being present. Capt. W. L. Chase, Canton Scoutmaster and County Scout Commissioner, Dr. P. W. Morse, G. L. Wadlin and Lyman Hills attended and furnished notes for conveyance of many who went from Canton. Three first class Scouts, Earl Tilley, Junior Johnson and Frank Bicknell, accompanied by Capt. Chase started on the White Mountains like Monday.

Alpheus P. Russell, Jr., and family moved to Orono, Monday, where he will engage in the underwriting business.

Many friends regret their departure from town.

The marriage intentions of Walter Henry and Winifred Burke have been fixed.

Mathis J. Golleg, who has been teaching at York College, is at home for the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ingall of Monmouth were week end guests of their daughter, Mrs. A. L. Merrill, and family.

On April 28th, the 10th anniversary

of their marriage, the eight members

of their family gathered at the

home of their grandfather, Stanley and

Mrs. Cora H. Fuller has been enter-

taining her son, Ralph Fuller, and family

of Belmont, Mass., and cousin, Miss

Isella Dorothy, of Boston.

Mr. C. E. Richards, who has been

in Massachusetts for five weeks, has

returned home.

Canton Extravagant L. O. O. P. ex-

ecuted at district meeting Friday

evening, the Extravagants of South

Paris, Rumford and Livermore Falls,

who came in large numbers. On arrival

a line of marchers in regalia was formed

and 103 marched through the principal

streets of the town, led by a life

and drum corps and the grand officers,

the march terminating at the Grange

Hall where a sumptuous banquet was

hosted by Postmaster Rebekah Lodge to 212. The meeting was held in the Opera

House and the Golden Rule degree was

confered on four candidates by Master

Extravagant of Rumford and the Royal

Scouts degree by a team Extravagant

of Rumford. Other Extravagants

represented were Videl of Norway,

South E. of Farmington, Wiscasset

of West Paris, Weston Hills of Peru

and South Androscoggin, and Rumford

of Augusta. Grand Exalted Sovereign was Grand Extravagant, Mrs. P. H. Blodgett, West Rumford Extravagant, Mrs. C. C. Clegg, and Master Extravagant, Mrs. C. C. Clegg, of Rumford. Master Extravagant, Mrs. C. C. Clegg, of Rumford, was also present. At the close of the meeting the entire degree was passed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Johnson of

South E. of Farmington, Wiscasset, were

the featured speakers.

Miss Mary Nichols is visiting her

son, Miss Fred Nichols, of Farmington.

Miss Anna Nichols attended the grand

meeting of her nephew, Sherman Hills, at

South Paris, and is visiting her sister,

Miss Anna G. of Topsham and Mrs.

Wardford Nichols of South Paris.

Miss Elizabeth Nichols and daughter,

Miss Anna, have been visiting relatives at

South Paris and Rumford, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. and Mrs.

and Mrs. William J. of Rumford,

Miss Anna, were guests of relatives in South

Paris.

At the meeting of Extravagants, Dr.

W. H. Thorne, serving as the Chaplain,

was honored as an exalted.

A large number of visitors from

near and far came to the meeting.

ESTHRELL AND VICINITY

Mr. P. B. Merrill has a new Buick sedan.

Mr. Hoy Cummings was in Boston

last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Upon are in Hartford, Conn.

The several teachers have returned

to their homes for the summer vacation.

Miss Thelma Rabideau of Milan, N.

H., is assisting at Mrs. Melissa Tuell's.

Mrs. Nellie Phillips of Milan, N. H.,

is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Edwards.

Mrs. Walter Chandler spent Sunday

and Monday with her daughter, Miss

Dorothy Chandler.

Miss Helen Clark is at the home of

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Clark,

for the summer vacation.

Miss Nahum Moore and daughter,

Barbara, have returned home after vis-

iting her mother at Rumford.

Miss Marion Wilson has finished her

school at Frye and will spend her vaca-

tion at her home in town.

Miss Angie Chapman has returned to

Portland. She expects to go to Great

Diamond Island for the summer.

Mrs. Evelyn Briggs and son returned

Tuesday from South Paris, where she

has been visiting the past ten days.

Tuesday and Wednesday of this week

were the hottest days thus far this sea-

son, the mercury running as high as

85 in the shade.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Douglass and

two children from Portland and Mrs.

Annie Emery of Howe Hill were called

on friends in town, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elden Peterkin and

daughter, Marion Wilson, and Marcus

Philbrick were recent guests at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard White

at Sebago.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Edwards and

daughter, Dorothy, and Miss Mae Wiley

went to Portland, Tuesday, to attend

the graduation of Miss Olive Wiley

from Gorham Normal School.

There was a good attendance at the

Paris Bureau meeting at Mrs. Barker's,

Thursday. A very pleasant and profit-

able meeting was held. Mrs. Dobb was

present at this meeting.

Miss Earl Cummings and children of

Rumford are visiting her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Wallace Clark. Mr. Cummings

is attending an auto school in Cam-

bridge, Mass., where he is taking up

the mechanics of the automobile car.

Miss Anna Nichols is visiting her

son, Miss Fred Nichols, of Farmington.

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meeting of her nephew, Sherman Hills, at

RUMFORD
A \$60,000 brick building with ground space 27x40 is to be erected on the site on the corner of Waldo Street and Main Avenue by Arthur Marcus.

Dan McCafferty, who formerly conducted the Workingman's Market on Waldo Street, and who recently sold his property to Adelard Duecos now located in the store conducted for many years by E. J. Roderick, will leave town soon to open a boarding house in Portland. Hamilton and Fisher have leased the store occupied by Dan McCafferty, and early in July Mr. Duecos will move his grocery store to this location, occupying the building now used as a boarding house by Mr. McCafferty.

Friends of Miss Ellie Ireland, a popular and efficient teacher of oral expression at Rumford High School, and who has served here for the past five years, will be pleased to know that she is to remain here for the coming year. Miss Ireland has been offered a position in Bar Harbor at an increase in pay, which she has been considering, but the Rumford school committee have granted her an increase in salary, and she will continue in her work here which has been so successful.

The garage built by Max Greenberg on Cumberland Avenue is completed, and will accommodate eight cars. The block being erected by Joseph Poulin just beyond this garage is building up, and work is progressing rapidly. Jesse Beaulieu, who owns a tenement block on Waldo Street next to Hilary Mercier's store, has raised his building a story and is finishing off a store on the ground floor.

Miss Aroline Clark, who has been physical instructor in the public schools of this place for the past two years, but who has now arranged to take up a similar position in the schools of Glens Falls, N. Y., is to attend Harvard Summer School during the summer vacation.

Word has been received here of the failing health of George Stearns of Millinocket, who served as principal of the Rumford High School in the town's early days.

Miss Aileen Nile, a junior at Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass., accompanied her parents to Ithaca, N. Y., to attend commencement exercises at Cornell University, her brother, Abbott Jr., being a member of the graduating class.

The Junior Prom and reception to members of the senior class, Rumford High School, was held at Municipal Hall on Tuesday evening of last week, and was a very pleasing social affair. On Wednesday evening the Class Day Exercises of the graduating class were held in Municipal Hall. The procession was played by the High School Orchestra, and the 76 members of the class marched through the hall onto the stage marshaled by Franklin Cornell, Rev. Fr. Boivin offered prayer after which the class song was sung. Fletcher Shea then gave the class history, followed by the class prophecy as given by Hester Burgess and Albert Cormier. William Karpausk then rendered a violin solo, after which Donovan Jenkins gave the address to the undergraduates. The senior quartette composed of Russell Cornish, Fletcher Shea, Irwin Kilgore and Len Clary gave a selection, following which the class gifts were presented by Mildred Dorian and Alexander Kowalsky. Sarah Strope read the class will and the class ode was sung. The High School orchestra played the march for the recessional. The graduating exercises of the class were held on Thursday evening. All the parts were exceptionally well taken, and the musical selections were most pleasing. The members of the class are indeed worthy of the praise accorded them, and merited the congratulations upon the excellence of the following program: Professional, High School Orchestra; Prayer, Rev. Fr. C. Jenkins; Mass Song (Luis Trask) Class 1923; Rotatory, Everett Martin; Essay,

"The House Beautiful," Lucille Hicks; Vocal Solos, Donovan Jenkins; Essay, "Our Flag," Moreton Abbott; Flute Solo, Delmar Lovejoy; Essay, "Athletics in the Secondary School," William Karpausk; Vocal Duets, Luis Trask and Eglantine Gagnon; Valediction, Elizabeth Fernald; Awarding of Honor Prizes called character prizes, the boys given by the Cosmos Club of Rumford and the girls by the Searchlight Club of Rumford were awarded by Principal J. Frank Carter to Donovan Jenkins and Sarah Strope. Following this diplomas were given out by Superintendent L. E. Williams. The class odes were then sung, written by Miss Donaldina LaCourse. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. C. Jenkins and then followed music by the High School orchestra, which closed the evening's exercises.

Mrs. Allen Reed is caring for the little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Kilburn, while they are enjoying a six weeks' trip abroad. The oldest child, Alfred, is staying with his grandmother, Mrs. Stanley Bissell, of Buckfield.

Miss Elizabeth Eaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Eaton of Franklin Street, and a member of this year's graduating class of Rumford High School, will attend Bates College in the fall.

Mrs. Frank Smith (Mabel McMinn) of Hudson Falls, N. Y., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. A. Sheehy, of Franklin Street and other relatives in town. Upon her return home, Mrs. Smith will accompany Miss Ellis Ames and friends, who will go by auto to the former's home, making several stops en route.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hay and son, George Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clancy Sr., and little granddaughter, Barbara Edgecomb, will leave the 23rd of this month for Scotland, where they will remain with relatives during the months of July and August.

Lawyer Matthew McCarthy has purchased a new Buick car.

Mrs. George A. Hutchins and two children, Charles and Georgene, left on Saturday of last week for their summer home on Long Island, Casco Bay, where they will remain for the entire summer. Mrs. Hutchins' mother, Mrs. A. K. Martin, will join them a little later, Mr. Hutchins making occasional visits at the Island as time and business permits.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Routhier (Miss Esther Belliveau) whose marriage took place last week, have an apartment in the Hancock apartments on Hancock Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fisher are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, who has been named Mary Georgette Cecile; Mr. and Mrs. Edwards McDougal have been made happy by the advent of a little son, Arthur Edward. Mr. and Mrs. Odilon Prevost have a young daughter who has been named Marie Ida Laura, and Mr. and Mrs. David Glines also are delighted with a little daughter, Kathleen Mitchell.

At the commencement exercises at the University of Maine last week the degree of Master of Arts was publicly conferred upon James Franklin Carter, B. S., M. A., principal of Rumford High School by Dr. Little, president of the University. Mr. Carter is one of two High School principals in the State upon whom this honor has been conferred.

The marriage of Edward Merritt and Emma Arsenault was solemnized last week at St. John's Church, the Rev. Fr. Boivin officiating. The couple were attended by Frank Casey and Antoinette Brouil.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Allen are moving into the rent made vacant by Mrs. Mabel Godwin and Mrs. Arville West. The latter are occupying the rent in the other side of their house, which was but recently vacated by Dr. A. L. Starnes, who is now nicely settled in their

newly purchased home on lower Franklin Street.

Students now at home from Bowdoin College for the summer vacation are Frederick Dunham, Sylvio Gonye, Philip Schwab, Francis Hanlon, Leslie Ferguson, and Frank Levi. Bates College students now returned home are Priscilla Frew, Robertine Howe, William Murphy, Allen Carlisle, Ada Reed, Ellen Hall, Hazel Monteith, Jessie Welch, Doris Gallop and Jeanne Bachell.

Mrs. William T. Hanley and little son of Augusta are spending the summer with Mrs. Hanley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Peabody, of Erichs Street.

A new block, the first to be erected on York Street north of Lincoln Avenue, is one of the many new apartment houses to be constructed here this season.

Charles E. Stanhope has purchased a new Buick car.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Poulin are on a trip to Montreal and Buffalo, N. Y., where they will purchase a new special six Studebaker, and make the return trip by auto.

Miss Marie Bellevue, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Severein Bellevue, has arrived home from St. Elizabeth School in Convent, N. J., where she is a student. She will return to her studies with the opening of school in the fall, and when her course is completed she is planning to take up teaching.

Miss M. Sanford Coombs, instructor of Household Arts in the Rumford schools, has left for her home in Poland where she will spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Cordelia Coombs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hopkins are enjoying a two weeks' outing at their former home in Presque Isle.

Mrs. Thomas Howell and daughter, Mary of New York are spending the month of June at the Fernand cottage at Worthley Pond.

With the exception of two weeks in July when the 103d Infantry Band is at Camp Devens, band concerts will be given regularly on Thursday evenings of each week, weather permitting. The concerts will be about one hour and ten minutes in length, and a series of interesting programs of popular and classical music has been arranged.

Books added last week to Rumford Public Library are *Hope by Laura Lang*; *Splendid Folly* by Margaret Peeler; *Pay Gravel* by Hugh Pendexter. The strip of pleasure ground known as Chisholm Park, which extends along the Androscoggin River between the Public Library and the Maine Central Railway bridge, is being extended from the Library south to Morse's bridge. Here the land between Rumford Avenue and the bridge is being cleared of underbrush, trees trimmed, and the path will be continued through this attractive woody stretch. Benches will be placed in well chosen and inviting spots, and the whole when completed will be a great deal of pleasure to the townspeople in general. A tennis court will be an added feature. The work of the year, which began a short time ago, is being carried on by eight men, with M. G. Eames as foreman, the town having appropriated \$4,000 for Park improvements and up-keep. An innovation of merit which will be financed by the local lodge of Elks will be a wading pool for the children. On the lower end of the park, not far from the band stand but on the opposite side of the path is a muddy shallow pool. The bottom of same will be sanded, and the shore will be transformed into a miniature sand beach, which will be most attractive. Other improvements will be the repaving of the band stand, and the placing in front of same additional permanent seats with cement standards. More playground equipment, such as swings, sand boxes and slides will be added. Drinking fountains will be placed in convenient places, and a tool house with plans around it, will be among the notable additions planned this season.

Plans are rapidly going forward for a two days' celebration for Stamford on July 4th and 5th. On these days the town will be visited with possible military exhibits, baseball games, Civil sports and various things in the way of entertainment. There will be a military band to that of last year, only on a larger scale, two big "bigs" on the evenings of these days to be held in the new American Legion Hall. The Naples Ordnite Post, No. 24, have charge of the celebration. It is expected that there will be a large number of floats in the parade on the morning of the 4th, as all merchants and men in business, the mills, and all patriotic and fraternal organizations will be asked to participate. In the evening of the 4th there will be elaborate firework.

Mr. Henry Johnson, 888 Hayward Ave., Baltimore, says: "I have bought Dr. True's Elixir for over 10 years and know it is good."

Mrs. H. N. Roberts, 561 Avenue M, Phila. Mick, says: "My little girl is relieved of her worms." And in a later letter wrote: "Baby is fine and it was your medicine, Dr. True's Elixir, that helped her."

Don't experiment — buy Dr. True's Elixir, the True Family Laxative and Worm Exterminator.

For over 10 years this pleasant and effective laxative has given great relief to thousands of men, women and children who have suffered from constipation, intestinal worms, and other troublesome complaints brought on by disorders, sluggish bowels.

For good health — be free from disorders, bad tasting mouth, all sorts of intestinal, skin, spinal, constipation, the worms must be kept away. Nature can be assisted by using Dr. True's Elixir, the True Family Laxative and Worm Exterminator.

Afterward your own health, look after the children who may have worms or worms and should be rid of them the easiest, most perfect way — by taking Dr. True's Elixir.

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an engagement of some length in Rumford on Monday of this week at the Majestic Theatre with the play, "The Beat." The last three days of the week the comedy, "Fair and Warmer," will be presented.

E. Eisenberg of Boston is architect of the building to be erected by Joseph Sinert on his property on the corner of Waldo Street and Oxford Avenue. McTiever and Son have the contract of this building which will be a three story brick structure, with three stores on the first floor. One store will be 48x48, and the other two 20 by 48 feet. Mr. Sinert who now conducts the Waldo Street Department Store will occupy one of the stores, and the A. & P. store will be located in another. A number of applications have been received for both the stores and apartments.

Joseph Ayotte of Urquhart Street is erecting an attractive bungalow for his family's occupancy on upper Knox St.

Mrs. C. S. Osgood of Franklin Street has recently sold her camp at South Rangeley to a family from Connecticut.

Extensive improvements are underway on the building owned by J. I. Dorian on the corner of Waldo Street and Oxford Avenue. The ceiling of the fruit store has been raised two feet, which is a great improvement. The partition at the rear of the store has been placed further back, making the room much larger. Windows, it is understood, will be put in the store on the Waldo Street side, and here on the second floor a six room addition is being constructed. A door has been put through the store, connecting it with the adjoining building formerly occupied by the Rumford Jewelry Company branch store, and same is being used as an ice cream parlor.

The Pete Morell lunch room on Oxford Avenue has been moved from its former site next the Waldo Street Pharmacy to the opposite side of the street near Cumberland Avenue.

Four special officers of the State Highway Department were in Rumford last week, and conducted a general cleanup on motorists who failed to comply with the laws. As a result of this on Friday morning last some seventeen of Rumford's inhabitants, some of them prominent citizens, were obliged to appear in the Municipal Court to face charges of driving with but one license plate, no tall light and other infringements of the law. The officers state that they intend to enforce the motor vehicle laws here, and those who do not care to obey must say good morning to the judge.

Mrs. Richard Bouillard (Miss Alice Mixer) and little son Carl are expected in July to visit Mrs. Bouillard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mixer, of Knox Street.

Mrs. Martha Mixer, who is engaged in social religious work in Brooklyn, N. Y., is expected to visit her parents sometime in August.

Mrs. Frank Taylor and children of Washington Street have left for their summer home at Old Orchard Beach to spend the summer season.

LOOKE'S MILLS

Lester Varney was in South Paris Saturday.

Mrs. Donald Tebbets is attending her class reunion at Wheaton Seminary.

Mt. and Mrs. W. B. Rand entertained Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Brewster and Mrs. Emily Coffin of Lewiston.

Lester Tebbets attended the Shriners' field day at Portland Friday.

Burton Hall of Lewiston visited relatives the week end.

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NEW ENGLAND NEWS
IN TABLOID FORMNews of General Interest
From the Six States

Not one individual in Massachusetts had a net income of more than \$75,000 in 1921, while five had incomes of more than \$200,000, according to table of income tax figures for that year issued by Collector of Internal Revenue Nichols.

The three-wives and mother-of-six household game has claimed another victim, this one to the taste of \$1,000. At least this is the amount John Deeks of 215 Millbury street, Worcester, Mass., says he lost by putting too much confidence in two strangers.

The hands of the clock in the steeple of the First Congregational Church, New Britain, Conn., were recovered by order of the ecclesiastical society of the church, which decided on this method of avoiding contractor's claims from the state law forbidding the display of any but standard time on public clocks.

Lawyer Alvin T. Fuller will not have to pay a verdict of \$1 which Judge John P. Brown of the Superior Court awarded a jury to return to favor of Joseph H. Warner, after the jury had failed to agree in the \$100,000 suit brought by Mr. Warner against Mr. Fuller. The case was tried at Tewksbury.

One student was fined \$5 and two others were discharged in the New Haven, Conn., court as the aftermath to a movement in which 500 students took part, regarding the affliction and services of 12 policemen. The "boy" was staged as a celebration of the official reception into the ranks of sophomore members of the "classies."

Artificial lightning of 2,000,000 volts, twice the voltage ever before produced in any experimental laboratory in the country and 10 times greater than the highest voltage hitherto known, was produced in the high voltage engineering laboratory of the General Electric Co., Pittsfield, Mass. It was the first public demonstration of artificial lightning in history.

William Whiting Nichols, for many years famous as a tutor at Harvard, and known to thousands of students as "Whitney" Nichols, died after two years of suffering from ill health. Educated at Harvard, with degrees of A. B. A. M. and LL. B., Nichols in 1881 and 1883 respectively, he labored for more than 15 years to prepare students for their examinations. His classes have been attended by many men who have since made their names widely known.

An attempt to breathe life into a petition calling for the repeal of Prohibition laws concerning enforcement of prohibition failed, when the House returned the matter to the Senate several times. A bill resulting was introduced in the Senate directing the Judiciary Committee, which has been ignored by the Senate, to make a report. The Senate passed the resolution by a vote of 11 to 2, but it got a speedy death in the House when it was taken for 1913.

Germany has large assets in South America and other parts of the world, which should be brought to light, and used to meet the obligations of that country under the terms of the Versailles Treaty. James G. Mason, of Pittsfield, Mass., congressman from Maine to the Franklin International Corporation, who has returned from an extensive tour of investigation in South America, declared. The German assets consist largely of gold, piled up in South American banks.

These revenue officers and a series of railroad police stand guard over the remains of a dwelling house at 160 Spring street, Springfield, Mass., wrecked by a string of freight cars which ran away, assassinated by the officers, 17 barrels and 300 bottles of high-grade whisky which remained intact, but out of reach of the Federal officers, who were afraid that removal of the contraband will cause the abandoned dwelling to tumble on them.

Dr. George F. Warren, of Cornell University, an authority on farm management, declared, when speaking at the fourth annual commencement of the two year short course graduating students of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, that business is a much more difficult experience than most people think. There is practically no chance to make a large fortune by just buying farms to buy them. He advised his students to buy farms now, for the only sure way to accumulate wealth is to buy them now, and then hold them for a long time.

A light to a lamp on the microscope to mark the hours of labor of women and mothers in manufacturing, housekeeping and household activities and a campaign to make the environment happier and better were the outstanding recommendations of A. F. Weston of Portland, president of the executive council of the Rockwood Association of the Maine Federation of Women. The report of Secretary Weston shows that there are 200 clubs in the state with a membership of between 12,000 and 15,000.

Daddy's
Evening
Fairy Tale
BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER

THE HOSPITAL RABBITS

Two rabbits had been sent to a hospital which had already a big white rabbit.

Some one had thought that the hospital children would be cheered by having these pets about, and indeed they were. When they first arrived the matron said to herself:

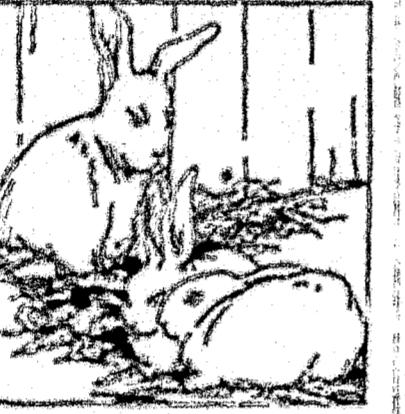
"Gracious, mercy me! There are over seventy children in the hospital to be thought about and taken care of, and now along come these rabbits!"

But the rabbits she knew would be loved by the children, and she knew, too, that they would entertain the children and that made her happy above all things.

Indeed, the rabbits were so cute! Their noses wiggled, their eyes looked both friendly and mischievous, and they quite won her heart.

The one, of course, a little caused trouble by adding to all her present troubles, though she really enjoyed her rabbits, though it is more than can be said for most.

Still she had to smile, for she knew that no one else would take charge of the rabbits but herself. She was really the one who took charge of the big



"Simply indifferent."

white rabbit which they had had for some time.

The big white rabbit had also been sent as a gift to the children, and he was well used to the hospital by now. Everyone took a great interest in him, but the matron really took care of him.

Indeed to be blunt. He was friendly with the children and a great pet, but he would particularly mind about the arrival of the rabbit pair.

"Nay, Nay" was the jingle of them. He was simply indifferent to them.

He was ready to go on being just as friendly with the children and just as ready to the new rabbits, but he didn't believe in making a terrific fuss over them when he thought that kind of a

remedy for constipation.

Constipation is one of the most common ailments of young lambs. This may be remedied by giving one or two ounces of castor oil or linseed oil.

White scours is another infectious disease of lambs which may become quite serious and affect large numbers of the lambs where the flock is kept in unsanitary quarters. Lambs and their dams so affected should be taken from the flock and isolated. Both lambs should be given two teaspoonfuls of castor oil, which should be followed for several days by daily doses of one-half teaspoonful of salicic acid.

It is well to be on the lookout for ticks on the lambs by taking a sharp nail and running it over them.

They were content to each other. They were content to the children and they were content to cabbage and carrots.

And the children petted them and then then and yet didn't fuss with them in any way, but a very gentle way, and the rabbits loved their new home.

They had a big house made of wood and it was at the end of the hospital yard. It was a big kind of a yard which had been made and which was surrounded by wood and wire.

In the yard there was grass and some earth and plenty of delicious food and vegetables, too.

The rabbits thought hospital life was very large and very pleasant.

Sometimes when a new lamb came to the hospital a nice gift package would be given for her to take out, and the rabbits would make her feel very happy and very welcome.

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PROPER CARE OF
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Rapid Development and Profitable Gains During Growing Period Are Important.

FACTORS TENDING TO STUNT

Young Animals Should Not Only Be Properly Nourished but Also Kept Free From Various Ailments—Diseases Cause Loss.

Offered by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The rapid development and profitable gains of lambs depend largely upon their freedom from disease and upon the nourishment they get during the first few months of their lives, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. Both disease and lack of nourishment, if continued for a number of days or weeks, tend to stunt the young animals. An animal once thoroughly stunted requires a long time for recovery. In fact, four months, which is usually a desirable age at which to sell lambs to the best advantage, is not sufficient for the animal to recuperate and develop into a choice market lamb, say the department specialists. Lambs, therefore, should not only be properly nourished, but must also be kept free from the various ailments of young lambs if the greatest amount of money is to be realized from them at market time.

Proper Care Prevents Disease.

Lambs from weaned ewes which are properly cared for have few troubles or diseases. There are, however, several ailments which sometimes appear among lambs which, if not given attention at the proper time, may cause considerable loss or affect their early development and hence their market value and profit.

Some of the infectious diseases of lambs, such as John's and others, may cause quite serious losses. Some of these diseases do not respond rapidly to treatment, but they can be prevented by proper sanitary conditions.

Clean, well-bedded and well-ventilated quarters should be provided for the ewes and lambs in order to prevent these diseases. Bare eyes or a sore mouth often develop, particularly if the flock is kept in unsanitary quarters or if they are exposed to rainy weather and the under and banks of the ewe become wet and dirty. In case of sore eyes among the lambs the eyes should be cleaned each day until cured with a 3 per cent solution of boric acid or a 15 per cent solution of argyrol. If the lambs are troubled with sore mouth all the scab and discharges should be scraped away and the sore covered with sheep dip or carbolic wash.

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GOOD QUALITY SIRE
OF BIG IMPORTANCE

Influence of Male Is Greater Than That of Female.

Figures Collected by Department of Agriculture Show Economy of Beginning Improvement With Use of Purebred Sires.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Although the sire and the dam contribute equally to the heredity of an animal, the influence of the sire in a herd or flock is much greater than any one of the females because in practically all cases a sire is the parent of a much larger number of offspring than the dam.

Figures kept by the United States Department of Agriculture, representing the proportion of males to females on more than 8,000 farms in 40 states, show that the male has from 12 to 32 times more influence than the female, among all classes of animals, in determining the character of the offspring.

These ratios are based on more than a million head of breeding stock listed with the department in the "Better Breeder Stock" campaign.

The figures show that on the average farm where purebred sires only are kept, there is one bull to 18 cows; one stallion to nearly 20 mares; one boar to 15 sows; one ram to nearly 30 ewes; one buck to 23 does; and one rooster to 21 hens. These figures show at once the economy of beginning improvement in animal breeding with the use of purebred sires.

The history of the nation-wide movement for better live stock shows, however, that the use of purebred females quickly follows the use of purebred males. More than one-third of the female live stock and more than two-thirds of the female poultry listed in the better-sires campaign are themselves purebreds. This promises much more rapid improvement in the quality of the country's live stock than if purebred sires alone were used.

PURCHASING POWER GOES UP

Agriculture Continues on Mend Financially According to Index Figures Just Released.

Agriculture continues financially on the mend according to Department of Agriculture index figures just released. The index number of the purchasing power of farm products in terms of other commodities that farmers buy is placed at 63 for December, as compared with 60 for November. The average for the year is 60, compared with 67 in 1921, and with 89 in 1920.

The improved condition for December is brought about by an increase of 5 points in the index number of the average farm prices of ten leading crops, and a decrease of 1 point in the prices of commodities, excluding farm and food products, that farmers buy.

For the year the average farm prices of ten leading crops is given as an index number of 113 as compared with 100 in 1921 and with 238 in 1920. The average farm price for the year of live stock is placed at 111 compared with 107 in 1921 and with 108 in 1920. The average index number of prices of commodities other than farm products which farmers buy is placed at 163 for 1922 compared with 161 in 1921 and with 93 in 1920.

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Gift of the Desert



by
Randall Parrish

If the surviving frontiersmen of America see fit to form a society, there will be one left. They could well include Randall Parrish, author of this, in the position of historian of the body. The death of Emerson Meeker was the last addition to that narrow circle of writing men who made a special study of the old West and even accompanied the remaining frontiersmen. Randall Parrish is one of the few remaining who have a considerable portion of the untamed region west and southwest of the Missouri.

Parrish's experience with the West goes back to 1879, when he entered upon the practice of law in a portion of Kansas, still associated with the Santa Fe Trail and partaking of the wild characteristics of that celebrated frontier. He came to the country in all probability, the country grew too tame, or his chosen profession too prosaic, for he deserted both in the early eighties and became a prospector in Mexico and Arizona. As the number of newspapers increased in the West the demand grew for men familiar with the country and its people. Parrish entered the profession of journalism and followed it for a considerable period, a career which eventually led him to the columns with daily papers in Denver, Sioux City, Omaha and Chicago.

Out of a rich and varied experience, accompanied by a desire to relate, came the inevitable urge to write stories and novels. His first book appeared in 1904 and has been followed by such a list of successes that he is now a constantly widening circle of readers, that he stands well toward the top among American writers. In the matter of output, he is probably unequalled in the variety of the subtle and thrilling, and divides his ability about equally between detective stories and romantic stories written with the same dash that distinguishes the work in "Gift of the Desert," a thoroughly exciting western story in which appears an entirely new type of secret service man.

CHAPTER I

The Choice.

It was a wonderful thing to be twenty-three, full of hope and ambition, and in the wide out-of-doors, more wonderful still to possess the glorious memory of nearly two years in the hospitals of France, six months of that time just behind the American fighting line. Yet the girl was not thinking of this then as she sat there alone at the edge of the ravine, gazing silently off across the dull leagues of desert to where a distant blue range of mountains cut off the view with their rugged summits, while arching over all hung the clear Arizona sky, slowly turning to purple.

She compared that sun-kissed vista with other sunsets in France and Germany, when the ground was yet red with the blood of sacrificed manhood. Her heart ached still with the sad memory that would not die—hours of toll, scenes of suffering. But this mood had also passed away, and now, although her eyes were still upon that outspread, picture below, her thought had centered upon the present in a dull wonderment at the strange situation surrounding her. Why had she not listened to the plea of old Tom Meager, back there in Chicago, and finally, partially from pity, partially from that new love of adventure engendered within her by service across the water, agreed to come west with him? Of course, she never had dreamed what it really would be like—life on this vast isolated ranch along the southern border, with the drear desert stretching away on every side from this little oasis of water and grass. Tom Meager had never told the whole story; he had dwelt on the loneliness of his sick wife, the chance she had of regaining health, with proper nursing and care; the rare beauty of the sunsets, the wonderful glow of the red desert nights, the wild, free existence of the range. Wild with excitement and a dash of danger, it all had appealed to her strangely, the service, the complete change in environment, the escape from the burdens of life in the Marine hospital. The pay was good, the opportunity excellent, and she had said "yes" without half realizing then what it all meant.

She realized now. Those first few weeks had been glorious indeed. She found everything new, attractive, tinged with romance and color. She liked Mr. Meager, and discovered her task to be an easy one, her time largely at her own disposal. But it was lonely, terribly lonely, and after those first few weeks nothing seemed to occur to break the dead monotony. It was sixty miles over a half-constructed desert trail to the nearest town, and that little more than a general store and a cattle corral. The only link between there and the civilization she had left to the eastward were the glistening rails of the railroad.

Day by day, week following week, she saw the same faces, heard the same voices. Riders from the outer range came in with their reports, bringing the tales of Mexican robbers or of cattle strayed into the desert.

"Who Are You?" He Asked Gently.

He had a cushion of down in the foot. "Some poor relative?"

"Not quite as bad as that," she answered, resenting his manner, yet unwilling to confront her master, "I am Mrs. Meager's nurse."

"Nurse," he sneered sarcastically. "Good Lord, so the old man stood for that, did he? Well, you can hardly expect me for it is more than my mother ever had. Do you know who I am?"

"I presume you must be Robert Meager."

"You guessed right, and I've come back here to run this ranch; you get out!"

"Quite clearly you."

"Oh, you do, boy! Then I'll enlighten you further. You're Mr.

Meager's nurse, you said? Pretty soft job, isn't it? I don't believe there will be any necessity for her having a nurse very long. What's your name?"

"Deborah Meredith."

He laughed, showing a row of cruel white teeth.

"Sounds like a story book; where did the old man pick you up?"

"My home is in Chicago."

"Well, he certainly showed good taste, I'll say that for him. You are some good-looker, Deborah Meredith. I'm 4-4 if I don't rather like your style."

He stared at her insolently, his glance appraising form and features much as he might take in the points of some animal he contemplated purchasing. The girl's face flushed indignantly, but her eyes never fell.

"You sure do look good to me," he announced finally, "and I don't believe I'll fire you—not yet, anyhow."

"It will not be at all necessary," she said quietly. "I shall attend to that for myself."

"You mean you will quit?"

"I certainly shall."

"Oh, h-h! Spunky little tigress, ain't you? I reckon I'll have something to say about that."

"You mean you will compel me to remain whether I wish to or not?" she asked in surprise. "Why, that cannot be done; I am not a slave."

"It can't be? Do you know where you are?"

"Certainly I do."

"By G-d, I doubt it. This is the Meager ranch in Arizona. There ain't another outfit within fifty miles, and nothing else round us but desert; there ain't no water, and no grass. I'm a-runnin' things here, and you bet I know how to run them. You get me? I'm the boss; before another week out every white man on this ranch will be hunting a job, and there'll be Mex in their places. I know how to handle Mex; they'll do what I say—you bet they will. So Miss Deborah, Meredith, how is it you're going to quit before ever I say you can? Aim to shoot it across the alkali to Nogales? Ten miles of that stuff would break your heart. You better think it over."

She saw him clearly in the light of the window, and, in spite of her natural courage, the girl's heart sank. Was there any act of brutality the man would be incapable of? He was big, burly, with broad shoulders and a deep chest, almost a giant of a man, but it was the face which bespoke his character. Brutal was written plainly all over it, seemingly imprinted on every feature, yet at the moment she did not fear him; instinctively she felt the coward skulking back of his brutality.

"I prefer," she said quietly, "not to discuss the matter now. Surely this was not why you came in here?"

"I sure like your nerve, little girl," he admitted admiringly. "No, I didn't come exactly for that, but whatever brought me I've changed my mind. We'll let things go on just as they are at present, I reckon. But don't you ever imagine I am playing with you; law don't count for much out here, sister, an' what I say goes."

She watched him as he turned and went out the door, her hands clenched, a wave of intense hatred surging over her. Yet in another moment she had conquered herself, and moved quietly back to the side of the bed on which her patient lay sobbing. She bent above the distressed woman.

"He is worse even than I thought," she said, unable wholly to hide her distress. "What caused him to come in here, do you suppose?"

"He came to send me away," answered the other clasping the girl's hands. "I knew it would not be long; he has disliked me always."

"Send you away? Why, you were his father's wife. Even if there was no will you must have down rights in the estate. Surely, that is the law."

"I do not know," weakly, "Tom never explained anything to me, but—but I am afraid of Bob Meager. Don't cross him; don't anger him. He is dangerous, and I am afraid of him, for your sake as well as my own."

"What do you want me to do?" the girl questioned, influenced by the timidity of the other. "Let that beast have his own way with me!"

"No—no, not that. But—but treat him fairly, Miss Meredith. He will not always be as he is today. As he said, you cannot fight or run away. All depends on winning his favor. Then sometimes there will be a chance. We must wait and watch until he is in a mood to let us both go. But even if there was a way for you to escape alone, you could not leave me here in his power."

"You treat him like that?"

"I stand between the two and tickle fortune like father left my life to worth nothing—I leave that."

And Deborah, Meredith, looking down into the white face lying soft and pliable, smiled her chosen.

CHAPTER II

Deborah Watches His Play.

It was the memory of this moment her promise to Mr. Meager, and her dislike of Bob Meager—which left the girl inservient of the desert view spread out before, and thoughts of the descending night. She had sought this spot to be alone, to escape any possibility of encountering Tio, and to turn over once more in her mind the conditions which had made her virtually a prisoner. There had been an expression in the man's eyes that had frightened her more than she would ever confess to herself—an insolent boldness, a sneering dominance which banished her memory with its silent threat. He was playing with her as a cat plays with a mouse, bidding the proper time to strike. He knew he could afford to wait; that she

was utterly in his power. His very silence and aloofness increased her alarm, her dread of the morrow.

Not a day passed without witnessing a change in the personnel of the ranch. She might not have observed this, but for her own personal suspicion. Old Tom Meager would never employ a Mexican on the place, nor trust them; but now, one by one, the old hands disappeared, while swarthy-skinned riders appeared mysteriously to take their places. Within six days the transformation was practically complete, and Bob Meager was surrounded by those of his own kind. Creatures of his will, denizens of that world he knew best. This change was to Deborah's mind, ominous of evil; it increased her fear, and rendered more difficult any possibility of escape. The walls closed her more tightly in. What did this man plan to do with her? The question could not be answered; she could only wait fearfully for his actions to make reply. Yet it must be evil; she could conceive nothing else in Bob Meager's heart.

Her thoughts were not with the wild desert scene outstretched before her, or the beauty of that red sunset, behind those far-off peaks. She was not even conscious of her more immediate surroundings, remaining totally oblivious to the solitary horseman, approaching along the barely discernible trail skirting the edge of the mesa.

The horse was moving slowly, with heavily drooping head, and on the hard-beaten sand the hoofs made no noise sufficient to disturb her. It was on the farther edge of the chaparral that the horseman suddenly perceived the girl, her white skirt showing conspicuously in the purple light, and quickly held up his pony. She had evidently neither seen nor heard his approach, and he swung silently over the animal's head, before advancing toward her on foot. It was not until he had reached within a very few yards of her position that Deborah became aware of some presence near, and arose instantly to her feet, facing him in sudden alarm. It was too late then to flee; the man blocked the only path available.

"Frightened you, didn't I?" he asked carelessly, flipping a weed with his quoit, but with searching eyes on her face. "You must have been in some dreamland, I'll say."

"I was thinking," she answered, a little catch in the voice, but as instantly determining to tell the truth, and thus learn, if possible, his purpose, "of what you intend to do with me. I—I cannot continue to bear things as they are."

"Why, they are not so bad, are they?" he asked provokingly, but making no effort to advance. "This is the same ranch to which you came voluntarily; I have not cut down your wages, and the food, and all that is just as good. Do you mean you don't like it here any longer?"

"I certainly do not under the circumstances. I am no longer here of my own free will."

"Oh, is that it? Well, perhaps we can remedy that trouble. Sit down there again while we talk it over."

"I prefer to stand."

"All right then, only it isn't going to do you no good to be obish about it. I'll tell you that at the start. You ought to know by this time that I ain't the playing sort. Found any way to leave yet? I reckon not, or you wouldn't be here. Well, that lesson ought to mean something to you. I've left you alone for three days now, just to let it sink in."

"That I could not escape from here without assistance."

"Sure, there ain't no way for a woman—a tenderfoot—to get across that desert without help of some kind, and a horse. I reckon you are smart enough to know that. It was mostly on your account I sent them old punchers away, an' got a lot of Mex in to ride 'em, an' do whatever odd jobs were needed. There ain't nobody round who cares a whoop in hell what happens. You better let that soak in, too, first of all. Then it will be easier for us to come to an understanding."

"An understanding?" she asked in surprise. "You desire to explain, then? Yet first you threaten me?"

"I prefer to stand."

"That's the ticket. Now there ain't no use your getting mad. I like you awfully well, and I'm going to be mighty square with you. But there wasn't any other way for me to get you—was there?"

"No," she said firmly, "there was no other course possible."

"Which means you don't like me at all!"

"It means all of that, and more. Bob Meager, I do not believe I ever despised anyone so much in my life as you. I loathed you before I ever saw you; now I hate the very ground you walk on. Have you any idea for the future?"

"I have," she managed to say, marveling at the calmness with which she spoke, and now on her feet facing him. "I think I know what you mean. You have me completely in your power; you have planned it all out."

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"I have," she said, smiling a strange, calculating smile. "I will tell you what you have to say."

"I—I rather guess you will like your old home, but you'd find it very hard to live there, Mrs. Meager."

"I—I know that from the very first, and that's what this means now; I'm going to be the one."

"Is what way do you mean?"

"Haven't you got the idea yet? I'm going to marry you—yes, I took the notion the first time I saw you—you're exactly my style. But I know then there wasn't but one way to do it. Now I'm ready to talk business. How is it, my lady? Going to be nice about it?"

"It's a cat's paw," she said, smiling a laugh.

"Marry you? Not in this world. I know you are a scoundrel, but I never thought you were a fool before."

"Your father never once spoke of you to me."

"Then my precious stepmother did."

"Only in ready to some questions."

other things I got a marriage license. It's right here in my pocket, an' the names written in it are Robert Meager and Deborah Meredith. And that ain't all; sometime between now and ten o'clock a justice of the peace is going to drive in here to do up the business for us. That's why I'm telling you all this—so you can never brace up and get ready."

She made no attempt to move or to speak; she seemed paralyzed, staring at him through the gathering darkness.

"I ain't going to touch you now," he went on suddenly, angered by her silence. "But you just think it over, and go on back to the house. When I send for you, you better come; that's all."

He turned, and walked back to his horse, and she stood there, trembling in every limb, as he vanished amid the shadows.

She understood now, clearly, definitely, just what she was called upon to face. Bob Meager had not mislaid his words, or left anything to imagination. He had planned this deliberately, in cold blood, and had the will, and, perhaps, the power, to carry it out.

At first she was in a white flame of indignation; she even laughed hysterically at the fellow's threat. It seemed preposterous, absurd, a dream of delirium. Marry him! Marry that degenerate brute! Why, she would rather die a hundred deaths than have him even touch her. He was a fool, brutal, cruel! Yet even as she realized this, shrinking in terror from any possible contact with him, there arose in her mind a sense of fear, a grim, pale fear she could not conquer.

He was ruthless, merciless. If he truly desired her, nothing would be permitted to stand in his way. He had not been drinking when he talked with her; he had spoken soberly and with full knowledge of what he said. Fiendish as it was, he had acted deliberately and in cold blood. That made it all the more dangerous, for he would likely drink now and become an utter fiend. Within an hour he would be raging drunk, capable of any indignity, any wild act. A brute sober, he became a demon drunk. And she must face it—she must face it.

"I—I have heard of your methods—"

"I thought most likely you had. Well, that's one point. The second point is, I'm the real boss of this ranch; it's mine, and I

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NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of the Chancery trustees at H. H. Hastings' office on Monday evening, June 25, at 7:30 o'clock. The organizer of the Chancery will be present, and a full statement is desired. 5-21-17

GATTLE FOR SALE—One new with cow, one yearling and one yearling calf six months old. Bartlett Bros., Hallowell, Me. 5-21-17

LOST—One new goat, near Kimball Hill, Bethel. Please return to Chancery office at 111 Main St. A. Grover, West Paris, Me. Reward offered. 5-21-17

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF DOGS

Owners of dogs who have not paid their dog tax for 1923 should do so at once, as the dog tax collector will be around in a few days. Pay the Town Clerk at once and save extra expense.

By order,
CHANCERY OF BETHEL.

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NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed as successor to D. M. C. T. A. of the estate of David H. Cross late of Greenwood in the County of Oxford deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All amounts due or demands against the estate of said deceased are due and the same for settlement, and all indebted bonds are requested to make payment immediately.

CHARLES H. TILT
May 18, 1923. Portland, Maine
5-21-17

MARY BETHEL.

Subscribed here Friday afternoon, June 21. An early notice is desired as the date nears.

Mr. Edward Souter has agreed to act as trustee and is at his home here for the purpose.

All County Academy students are at home for the summer vacation.

Mr. Charles Souter has returned from a walk with his son, Franklin Souter, and son-in-law, Frank.

Miss Maudie Hobart of Andover has just sent a gift of her books, Mrs. H. B. Hobart, and family. They also understand the same portion from Andover for Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowell and son, Charles, have kindly given

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hayes enjoyed an early walk to Frenchtown and return.

Address Mrs. Hobart is a vacation guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowell.

Miss Ruth Hobart is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Alice N. Martin.

Mr. G. H. Hall is doing plumbing work, and Miss Alice N. Martin,

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ties with berries more than three-quarters of an inch in diameter. The most outstanding cultural characteristic of the blueberry is its requirement of an acid soil. It does not thrive in ordinary rich garden soil that has a neutral alkaline reaction.

Testing Plantation.

The department's testing plantation for hybrids is at Whitefield, near Brown's Mills, N. J. About 20,000 different hybrids have been planted thus far. Propagation material of some 500 clones of the best of these hybrids have been placed in the hands of several nurserymen, but only one of them has carried the propagation to the point of offering plants for sale, and only one variety of those hybrids, Katherine, is as yet commercially available.

Midcoast Advertisements.

Midcoast Advertisements are taking advantage of the work that has been done in the development and improvement of the blueberry to develop the market by advertising blueberries as a very delicious treat. One New York nurseryman has been using an advertisement as follows:

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Mr. Herman Brant was a recent guest of Mr. Claude Mills in Portland.

Miss Gertrude Valentine of Glens Falls, N.Y., is visiting Mrs. J. L. Petty.

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